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SUBJECT: AFGHANS TO BE OFFERED MILITARY TRAINING IN WEST
GERMANY

1. ACCORDING TO A GERMAN EMBASSY OFFICER, HIS GOVERNMENT WILL SHORTLY BE OFFERING THE GOVERNMENT OF AFGHANISTAN (GOA) FOUR MILITARY TRAINING POSITIONS EACH YEAR IN THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY. ONE SLOT WILL BE AT A SENIOR STAFF SCHOOL, AND THE REMAINING THREE WILL BE FOR FIELD GRADE OFFICERS AT SPECIALIZED MILITARY TRAINING SCHOOLS.

2. COMMENT: AFGHANS WILL PROBABLY WELCOME THIS OPPORTUNITY TO DIVERSIFY FURTHER THE FOREIGN TRAINING OF THEIR MILITARY OFFICERS. ALTHOUGH THE TOTAL NUMBER OF TRAINING POSITIONS
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OFFERED ANNUALLY BY NON-COMMUNIST COUNTRIES (IN RECENT YEARS, THIS CATEGORY HAS INCLUDED THE U.S., THE U.K., FRANCE, AND INDIA) IS SMALL COMPARED WITH THE MASSIVE INVOLVEMENT OF THE SOVIET UNION IN THE MILITARY TRAINING FIELD HERE, THE GOA FEELS THAT SOME USEFUL DEGREE OF DIPLOMATIC BALANCE IS ACHIEVED. ADDITIONALLY, AFGHAN LEADERS HAVE TOLD US PRIVATELY THAT THEY WENT TO EXPOSE AS MANY MILITARY OFFICERS AS POSSIBLE TO NON-SOVIET

TRAINING EXPERIENCES -- INCLUDING THOSE WHO HAVE ALREADY
RECEIVED SOME TRAINING IN THE USSR. WE SHARE THIS GOAL AND
WELCOME THE GERMAN DECISION TO MAKE A CONTRIBUTION. WE HOPE
THAT THE CURRENT DELIBERATIONS OF THE TURKISH GOVERNMENT OVER A
RESTORATION OF THAT COUNTRY'S ONCE-SIGNIFICANT TRAINING PRO-
GRAM FOR AFGHAN OFFICERS WILL PRODUCE POSITIVE RESULTS.
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